

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 349

**Introduced by Assembly Members McCarty, Gonzalez Fletcher,
and Nazarian**

February 8, 2017

An act to add Section 117 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 349, as introduced, McCarty. Department of Consumer Affairs: applicants for licensure: special immigrant visas.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law prohibits a board within the department from denying licensure to an applicant based on his or her citizenship status or immigration status. At the time of issuance of the license, existing law requires individual applicants to these boards to provide a taxpayer identification number or social security number.

This bill, on and after July 1, 2018, would require a board within the department to expedite, and would authorize a board to assist with, the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant was issued a specified special immigrant visa. The bill, on and after July 1, 2018, would additionally require such a board to accept a special immigrant visa case number if the applicant is an individual for licensure application purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 117 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 117. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, on and after July 1,
4 2018, a board within the department shall expedite, and may assist
5 with, the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies
6 satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant was issued a
7 special immigrant visa pursuant to Section 1059 of the National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
9 109-163) or the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
10 Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181 of January 28, 2008).
11 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 30, on and after
12 July 1, 2018, a board within the department shall accept a special
13 immigrant visa case number if the applicant for initial licensure is
14 an individual.
15 (c) A board may adopt regulations necessary to administer this
16 section.